IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jorg Beilharz et al.

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Title: METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A VALVE

AND METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A PUMP/NOZZLE DEVICE WITH A VALVE

MAIL STOP – RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In association with Applicant's Request for continued Examination filed on August 17, 2009, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. Applicants request favorable action thereon.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.